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 Water Recycling Policy
 Deadline: 10/26/07 Noon



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State Water Resources Control Board
 P.O. Box 100
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RE: Draft Water Recycled Policy

ATT: Jeanne Townsend, Acting Clerk to the Board

Dear Board Members:

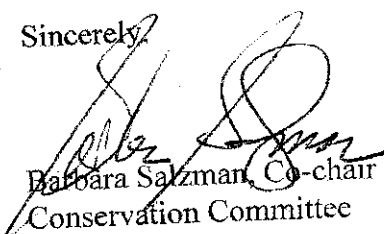
The Marin Audubon Society has reviewed the proposed Recycled water Policy and commend the Board for developing policies addressing ways to extend our water resources and reuse them for non-potable urban, agricultural and industrial uses. We support the use of recycled water for these purposes with the proposed regulation, and safeguards as addressed in the proposed policy. We would also like to take this opportunity to recommend that another reuse opportunity be studied and considered for such a policy.


There are wetland creation projects that appear to have successfully used reclaimed water to benefit wildlife as well as provide needed discharge opportunities for Sanitary Districts. We recommend that the necessary background study be done to evaluate the value of establishing a policy addressing the potential reuse of reclaimed water for wetland creation in appropriate places and with guidelines and standards that ensure all natural resources are protected.

It is not clear whether wetland creation was studied as part of the background effort to develop this policy. If it has not been studied, we strongly recommend that a program be developed to do so. If it has been, we recommend that the data, and conclusions, be provided for public review.

In conclusion, we commend the Board for developing this policy and thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,


 Barbara Salzman, Co-chair
 Conservation Committee


 Phil Peterson, Co-chair
 Conservation Committee

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